

HOUSE BILL 652

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By: **Delegate Boyce**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Special and Commemorative Registration Plate – Maryland**
3 **Heroes**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, in consultation with the
5 Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, to design and issue
6 a Maryland Heroes registration plate that features the images of Harriet Tubman
7 and Frederick Douglass; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to charge
8 certain additional registration fees related to the issuance and renewal of the
9 Maryland Heroes registration plate and to distribute revenue from the additional
10 registration fees in a certain manner; and generally relating to the specially designed
11 Maryland Heroes Commemorative Registration Plate.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 13–619.4
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 **13–619.4.**

21 **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE A SPECIAL MARYLAND HEROES**
22 **COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATE.**

23 **(B) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A**
24 **LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, AN OFFICER, AN EMPLOYEE,**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 OR A PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE CONSIDERED
2 ELIGIBLE BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE
3 ASSIGNMENT OF A COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF
4 THE VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

5 (1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

6 (2) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED
7 CAPACITY OF ONE TON OR LESS;

8 (3) A CLASS E (FARM TRUCK) VEHICLE;

9 (4) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR

10 (5) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

11 (C) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE
12 REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A
13 COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY:

14 (I) AN ADDITIONAL INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE SET BY THE
15 ADMINISTRATION WHEN THE NEW REGISTRATION PLATES ARE ISSUED TO THE
16 VEHICLE UNDER THIS SECTION; OR

17 (II) AN ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE
18 ADMINISTRATION EACH TIME THE PLATE IS RENEWED.

19 (2) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SET THE ADDITIONAL INITIAL
20 REGISTRATION FEE AT A LEVEL THAT WILL ENABLE THE ADMINISTRATION TO
21 RECOVER ITS COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION.

22 (II) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY SET THE ADDITIONAL INITIAL
23 REGISTRATION FEE AT A LEVEL THAT IS SUFFICIENT TO RESULT IN A SURPLUS
24 AFTER COSTS ARE SUBTRACTED.

25 (III) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL RETAIN A PORTION OF THE
26 ADDITIONAL INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE THAT IS SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW THE
27 ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER ANY COSTS OF ISSUING AND DISTRIBUTING
28 COMMEMORATIVE PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.

29 (IV) ANY SURPLUS MONEY REMAINING AFTER THE
30 ADMINISTRATION HAS RECOVERED THE COSTS OF ISSUING A COMMEMORATIVE
31 PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION AND MONEY COLLECTED FOR ADDITIONAL RENEWAL

1 FEES MAY NOT BE RETAINED BY OR TRANSFERRED TO ANY AGENCY OF THE STATE
2 FOR ANY PURPOSE.

3 (V) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS
4 PARAGRAPH, THE SURPLUS MONEY AND MONEY COLLECTED FOR ADDITIONAL
5 RENEWAL FEES SHALL BE DISBURSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO THE MARYLAND
6 COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.

7 (3) NO PORTION OF THE ADDITIONAL INITIAL REGISTRATION OR
8 RENEWAL FEES MAY BE CREDITED TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE
9 REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 8-403 OR § 8-404 OF THIS
10 ARTICLE.

11 (D) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NOT
12 INCONSISTENT WITH THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW TO GOVERN THE ISSUANCE OF
13 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS
14 DETAILING THE PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS.

15 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE MARYLAND
16 COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE TO ESTABLISH A
17 SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION WILL TRANSFER TO THE
18 COMMISSION REVENUE COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS
19 SECTION.

20 (E) THE ADDITIONAL FEES TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED
21 BY THIS SECTION ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE
22 THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER § 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.

23 (F) (1) A COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS
24 SECTION SHALL DISPLAY:

25 (I) A SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER ASSIGNED BY THE
26 ADMINISTRATION THAT MAY CONSIST OF ANY COMBINATION OF:

27 1. LETTERS; AND

28 2. NUMERALS; AND

29 (II) A DESIGN APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT:

30 1. INCLUDES THE IMAGES OF HARRIET TUBMAN AND
31 FREDERICK DOUGLASS; AND

